

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

June 15, 1999

MID MAINE TELPLUS
Proposed Tariff to Provide Local
Telecommunication Services Within
The State of Maine

Docket No. 99-238

MID MAINE TELPLUS
Request for Arbitration of an
Interconnection Agreement with
Bell Atlantic

Docket No. 98-593

ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

In Docket No. 97-345, on September 3, 1997, we granted authority to Mid-Maine Telplus to provide local exchange service as a competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC). Mid-Maine Telplus has now filed a schedule of rates, terms and conditions for the provision of facilities-based local exchange service. Included in the terms and conditions is a list of 24 Bell Atlantic exchanges in which Mid-Maine Telplus intends to provide facilities-based local exchange service.

In Docket No. 98-593 (the arbitration proceeding under the TelAct between Mid-Maine Telplus and Bell Atlantic), we granted MMTP's motion to require Bell Atlantic to enter an interim interconnection agreement with MMTP. As a condition of requiring that interim agreement, we required MMTP to "obtain an affirmative approval from the Commission for the addition of any new NXXs prior to requesting said NXXs from the Code Administrator." In other recent orders granting authority for the provision of facilities-based local exchange service and/or approving terms and conditions designating the locations of such service, we have stated that we would grant authority or approve terms and conditions only where a carrier has demonstrated a readiness to provide such service within a reasonable time period following the approval. The Commission Staff has reviewed MMTP's plans for providing facilities-based local exchange service and has concluded that MMTP will be providing such service within a reasonable period of time.

Accordingly, we

A P P R O V E

The schedule of rates and terms and conditions filed by Mid-Maine Telplus d/b/a Mid-Maine Communications filed in Docket No. 99-238. The approved pages are attached hereto and consist of Original Pages 1 through 44, except that for pages 11, 17, 24, 26 and 28 through 37, the approved Original Pages are those that are designated "Original (First Replacement)."

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 15th day of June, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Raymond Robichaud
Acting Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
Nugent
Diamond

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2. Appeal of a final decision of the Commission may be taken to the Law Court by filing, within 30 days of the date of the Order, a Notice of Appeal with the Administrative Director of the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(1)-(4) and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 73, et seq.
3. Additional court review of constitutional issues or issues involving the justness or reasonableness of rates may be had by the filing of an appeal with the Law Court, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1320(5).

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